

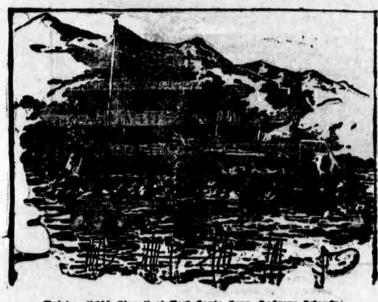
The First American Flag Raised Over Mantia



Flag Lieutentant Brumby of Admiral Dewey's Staff and his Flag-Raising Party on the Battlements of Old Manila. Re-drawn from an illustration in "On to Manila."



The Departure of the First Fleet of Transports Reproduced from an illustration in "On to Mantie."



WANT TO ANNEX CUBA Many Questions

Advocates Pressing Their Cause in Washington.

Delegation Representing Cuba Board Agriculture-Cordially Received by the President.

Washington, November 19.- A special to the Examiner says: The first formal suggestion that the arms Alen of Caba is desired by Cubans will be made to President McKinley tomorrows

A delegation consisting of Alvaristo Mantalvo, a rich Cuban planter, and Francisco Figueras, editor of the "Epoca," companied by William O. McDowell, President of the Cuban-American League, arrived here tonight and tomorrow will begin a series of calls on the President, Secretary Root and Secretary Gage to discus the future of the island.

This delegation represents the Board of Agriculture of Cuba, and the primary object of their visit is to secure a reduction of the duty on sugar, placing Cuba at least on a par with British colonies under the reciprocity treaty, and other conceswill enable them to re-establish the industries of the island.

The sugar industries of Cuba are prosdebt an interest of 40 per cent is paid. It ment, modeled as nearly as the condicomfortable balance with which to work the plantations of the Cubans. The dele- the United States. gates have already consulted New York inanciers, who have promised to advance the money, providing some assurances can will be pushed through both Houses be given that it will be safe to do so. as early as possible, as will also sp This, of course, means that the United cial bills dealing with the shipping of States should remain in the Island indefi- the Islands and other matters nitely, and eventually annexation. While the mission of the delegates is apparent as a commercial one, they would naturally the Senate, said today: speak of the political situation to the President and tell him of the "growing demand" for annexation.

President McDowell of the Cuban-Ameexationist, said:

"Cuba has but one future, and that is substantial men of Cuba, which, of course, means the property-owners, are un- Cuba. animously in favor of annexation. I propresent the matter of President McKinley. if a vote should be taken in Cuba under the old Spanish law, which is now in force, and requires a voter to pay taxes to make in his message. the value of \$25 betore he is permitted to vote at the municipal elections, and \$50 to enable him to cast his ballot in the governmental elections, It would be unanimous for annexation.

The Administration will receive the delegation cordially. This is evidently the beginning of the Republican plan to annex Cuba as soon as possible, and thus by far-off islands. "There seem dent government.

Awaits Developments

Washington, Nov. 20 .- The Secretary of War spent over two hours with the members of the Finance Committee. I President today discussing his annual port, on which report will be based some of the most important sections of the President's massage to Congress It is understood that this section of the message will be held open as long as possible, awaiting developments in the Philippines which may change the status of the situation almost any day. The other sections of the mess age are nearly completed, but to finish the message before Congress meets will call for a large amount of hard work. Owing to this fact it is probable that the President will not be able to go to Nashville to participate in the welcome home of the Tennessee Regiment. No definite determination has been made, however,. If the trip is undertaken it will be made in the briefest practicable time.

There were a number of callers at the White House. Senator Platt joined the President during the latter's morning walk and called at the White House with him. Secretary Long called to pay his respects on his return from the West. With him was Senator Lodge, who had quite a long visit with the President. Senator Cullom, Senator Clark and Representative Fowler of New Jersey and Representative Loud of California were among the other callers.

Miss Annie Russell Allen of St. Louis, was recently married the Italian Duke of Montefeltro, is the same young woman who six months or more ago broke her engagement with Count Paul Festetics, of Hungary, when she discovered that that nobleman had been inquiry as to the extent of her fortune. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Non-

Before Congress

Washington, Nov. 18 .- The Fiftysixth Congress, which convenes on December 4, will have a number of questions of importance to solve. The government of the colonies in the West Indies and in the Pacific, the ratification of the Samoan treaty, the Alaskan boundary agreement, a new treaty with Spain, the question of anti-trust legislation, the shipping subsidy bill and

he Nicarama canal bill are among the f all it is omidals and party flets city to a y congrestive ction in regard to all or our new possessions. As to the Philippines, much will depend upon the recommendation an annexation paper of Havana, and ac of the President, passed upon the fuil report of the Philippine Commission. The duration of the war with the insurgents will also be important in hastening or delaying action. President McKinley will recommend

that the inhabitants of the islands be given the utmost liberty of local or tribal self-government of which they are capable under the sovereignty and generai control of the United States, but neither the Philippine Commisssion nor the President has yet worked out sions in behalf of Cuban producers as the details of such a government. Congress will support the President in his determination to suppress the insurrection and maintain American sovertrated and mortgaged to the Spanlards to eignty on the islands. Porto Rico withthe extent of \$19,000,000, and upon this out doubt will be given a civil governis the intention of the delegates to have a tions on the island will permit upon the government of territories within

> The bill reported in the last Congress for the government of Hawaii

Senator Cullom, senior member of the Republican steering committee in

"We are likely to have a very interesting session, and I look for the enactment of some very important legislation. Of course foreign affairs will rerican League, who is an enthusiastic an- quire careful consideration. We will be called upon to provide stable governments in Hawaii and Porto Rico. innexation to the United States. The Some legislation will be required in connection with the Philippines and

"Just what scope the legislation for pose to take advantage of this occasion to the latter places should take I am not now prepared to say. We probably will be governed in our action by the recommendations the President may

> "The very first measure we should pass is a bill for the establishment of cable communication between California and Hawaii and then on to Manila I do not care who lays the cable, but I propose to insist that immediate steps shall be taken to establish direct communication with our people in these

"There seems to be some uncertainty about the adoption of any radica financial legislation on the eve of a Presidential election. In my opinion. a conservative financial measure might get through, but both parties may be a In the Phillippines little shy of taking a position on that question in a Presidential year. I had a talk with Senator Allison in Chicago and later I met Senator Aldrich, both think they have formed a very reasonable bill and will endeavor to have i enacted into law,

"The Nicaragua canal bill should b delayed no longer. It is a great pity this canal was not built long ago. At this very moment there is a crying necessity for the existence of the canal, and the longer we delay it the greater the suffering of our commerce and our people located on the Pacific ocean."

Senator Cockrell, leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate and chairman of its steering committee,

"Our side of the chamber will be in fluenced largely by the course our opponents take. The Republicans do not seem able to agree upon any fixed line of policy, and they appear to be as much at sea as to the disposition of the Philippine question as is the President.

"I would favor immediate passage of the Nicaragua canal bill if it provides for its construction and absolute ownership by the Government. There are other important measures which ought to be brought forward, but as the Republicans are in control we will have to content ourselves with insisting that due consideration shall be given ever; proposition of a political nature."

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